



Gulf Coast Carnival Association

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2023 FLOAT SPONSORS & PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Enclosed you will find all information needed for participation in the 2023 GCCA Mardi Gras parade. Please read over the rules and regulations carefully, fill out, **sign**, and return the copy of the parade application with payment. All Association float sponsors, corporate floats, and private floats with riders **must** attach a copy of their paid liability insurance certificate to the application. **Applications returned without this information will not be accepted and returned to the applicant.** Please note that the order of your float in the parade will be based on the order your application is received. The parade is capped at 100 units for 2023.

The Float Riders' Orientation will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023** at the Donald Snyder Center on Pass Road in Biloxi. This meeting is **mandatory, please only one (1) attendee** for each parade entry. ***Non-attendance will mean the return of your monies, application and copy of your insurance.*** Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meeting begins at 6:15 p.m.

Please note that the GCCA office has relocated, our new address is 792-A Howard Avenue, Biloxi (rear entrance).

If you should have any questions regarding the parade rules, fees, etc., please call the Carnival office at (228) 432-8806 or email at office@msgcca.org and speak with Jennifer.

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

W. Keith Wade
Captain of Carnival

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Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

Number: _____

PLEASE PRINT

Date of Application _____ Total Length of Float, including tow vehicle: _____

Name of Krewe or Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Cell) _____ (Other) _____

E-Mail: _____

Public Participation Parade: 1pm February 21, 2023

Entry Fee: Without Advertising \$300.00

With Advertising* \$600.00

**Advertising is any mention of a business, business name/logo on a float, on throws, decorations, in a Krewe name etc.*

I (We), the undersigned agree that as a condition to participate in the Gulf Coast Carnival Association Parade that I (we) will obey the rules and regulations attached hereto, and further that I (we) agree to require everyone participating in my group (our) group to obey said rules and regulations. I (We) further agree that I (we) will immediately withdraw from the parade if any member of my (our) group fails to abide by the rules and regulations.

I (We), acknowledge and agree that as a condition for participating in the Gulf Coast Carnival Association, and as partial consideration for said participation, which I (we) do hereby hold the Gulf Coast Carnival Association, its members, and volunteers harmless, and indemnify them for any property damages and/or bodily injuries sustained because of any negligent or intentional act by me (us) while enroute to, during, or leaving the parade. I (We) understand that this agreement to indemnify includes attorneys' fees and expenses for defending any claim, as well as any damages awarded for that claim.

I (We), the undersigned agree that as a condition for participation in the Gulf Coast Carnival Association parade that I (we) do hereby release the Gulf Coast Carnival Association, its members, and volunteers, from any claim for property damage and/or bodily injury that may be sustained while enroute to, during or leaving the parade.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

For (Organization): _____

Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance: _____ Effective Date of Policy: _____

Parade Entry Amount: \$ _____

(Insurance must be effective until after 2/22/2023)

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MARDI GRAS PARADE PARTICIPATION RULES

GENERAL

The Gulf Coast Carnival Association encourages your participation in the public parade. This parade makes it possible for you to join in the revelry and entertain the parade watchers. You may enter as a float or a marching group. The Association reserves the right to limit the participation (on a first-come, first-served basis) of private floats to the extent that the parade route will allow. This determination will be made by the Captain of Carnival and his appointed Parade Chairman. Only floats (flatbed truck or trailer) fully decorated will be allowed in the parade. The 2022 Parade is limited to the first 100 units.

REGISTRATION

All participants must be registered with the office of the Gulf Coast Carnival Association, **no later than January 31, 2023**. (*allows for proper float line up*)

LIABILITY

As consideration for participating in the parade, each entry must sign an agreement to indemnify the Gulf Coast Carnival Association and release any claim for property damages and/or bodily injuries sustained while enroute to, during and from the parade.

INSURANCE

Each private float must show proof of liability insurance as required by the Gulf Coast Carnival Association. Medical payments coverage is encouraged.

SMOKING

Not Permitted

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Not Permitted

CONDUCT

Must be in good taste - **NO** obscene pictures, gestures, language, characters etc. **This includes throws and music**. Those not adhering will be asked to disband from the parade, immediately.

PRIZES

Floats participating in the parade will be eligible for cash prizes as follows:

First Place: \$500
Second Place: \$300
Third Place: \$200

Judging will take place one hour prior to the parade (12pm) in the staging area. Judging will be based on GCCA theme portrayal, originality, design and beauty, group spirit and costumes (10 points maximum for each of the four categories.) Floats with obscene or inappropriate pictures, characters, or throws will not be allowed to participate in the parade. **2023 Theme, "It's All In Black & White"**.

COSTUMES

All participants must be appropriately costumed or dressed. Participants that are in appropriate costumes or dress will be asked to leave the floats and not participate in the parading.

THROWS

No hard or sharp objects allowed! **NO obscene throws of any kind will be allowed.**

PRIVATE FLOAT RULES

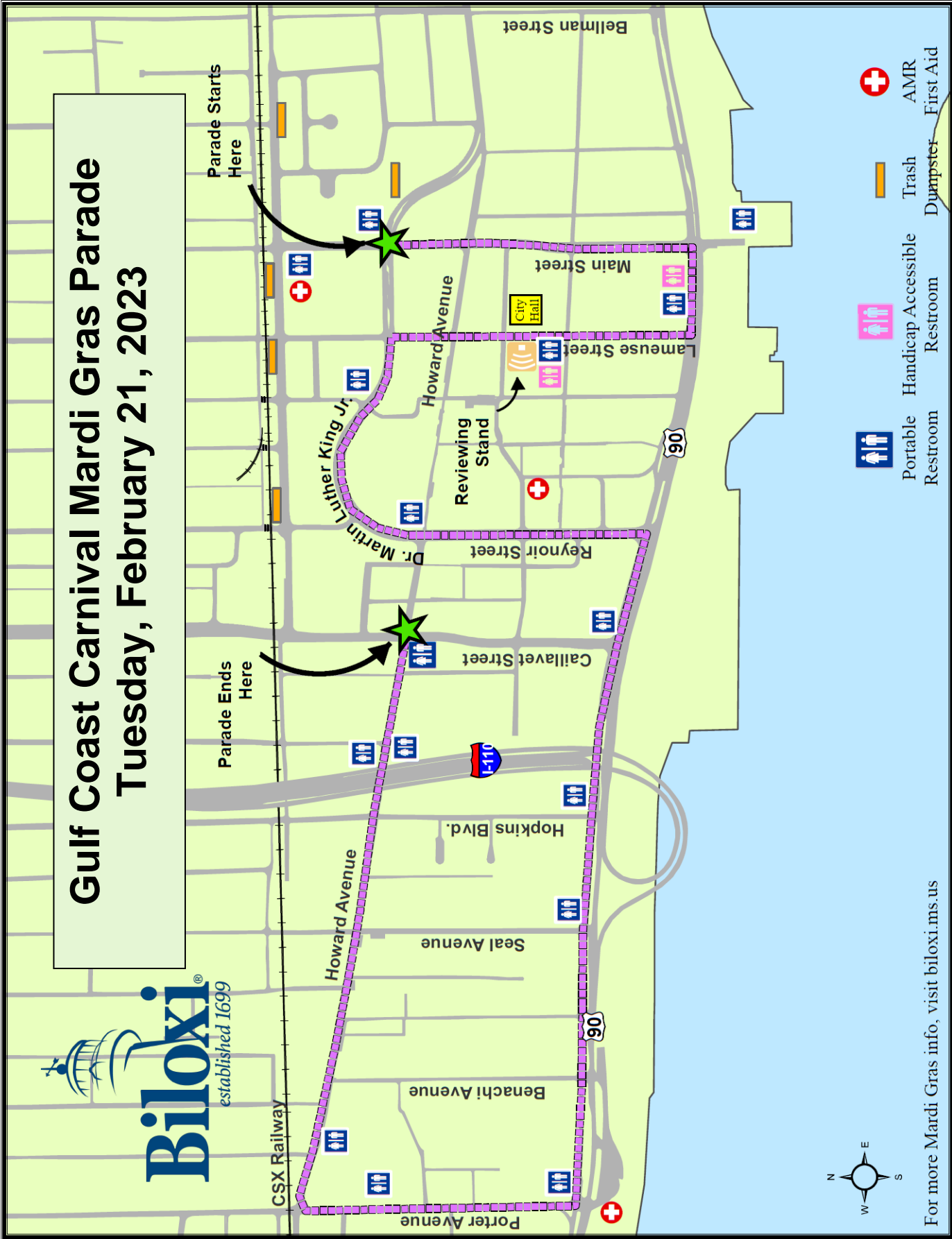
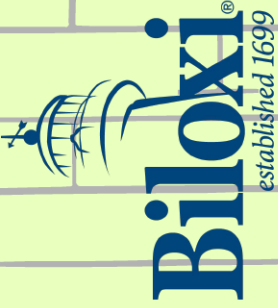
In addition to the above, all corporate or private floats must:

1. Have one, per level, approved fire extinguisher mounted and free from any obstructions. Fire extinguishers shall be tagged within 1 year, charged, and minimum size to be 2A/10BC.
2. No generators may be refueled while running or moving on the parade route. All generators should be in the back of tow vehicles.
3. It is **STRONGLY** encouraged that all parade riders on the second level of any float, be in a harness and tied off to the float.
4. **NO ITEMS SHALL BE THROWN FROM ANY VEHICLE OR FLOAT ON THE LEFT (DRIVER) SIDE WHILE ON US 90.** Violators will be fined.
5. Have a safety rail along all sides of the float
6. Have some type of restroom for sanitary and safety reasons
7. Have only the name of the *organization displayed*. *Any other advertising will require a fee of \$600*
8. Make some effort to adhere to the GCCA theme, which is required for participation in cash prize awards
9. Supply GCCA with the name and number of a float coordinator who will be responsible for the safe operation of the float and the conduct of its participants.
10. Submit application to GCCA no later than January 31, 2023.
11. Agree that any or all drivers will submit to a breathalyzer test if deemed necessary by the parade or public safety officials.
12. Send a representative to the **MANDATORY float rider orientation**, **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**, at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, **meeting beings at 6: 15 pm.**

MANAGEMENT AND ADHERENCE TO RULES

The Gulf Coast Carnival Association's parade committee and the various law enforcement officers have authority over all aspects of the parade. At their discretion, they have the absolute right to refuse participation in, or removal from, the parade of participants whether during the line-up portion or the parade itself. Failure to provide advance registration or to comply with the Rules as stated above will be considered sufficient reason for refused entry or removal from continued participation in the parade. **ALL** participants must yield to the directions of the parade committee members who work for the good of all, but also do their best to keep Mardi Gras safe for all.

Gulf Coast Carnival Mardi Gras Parade Tuesday, February 21, 2023

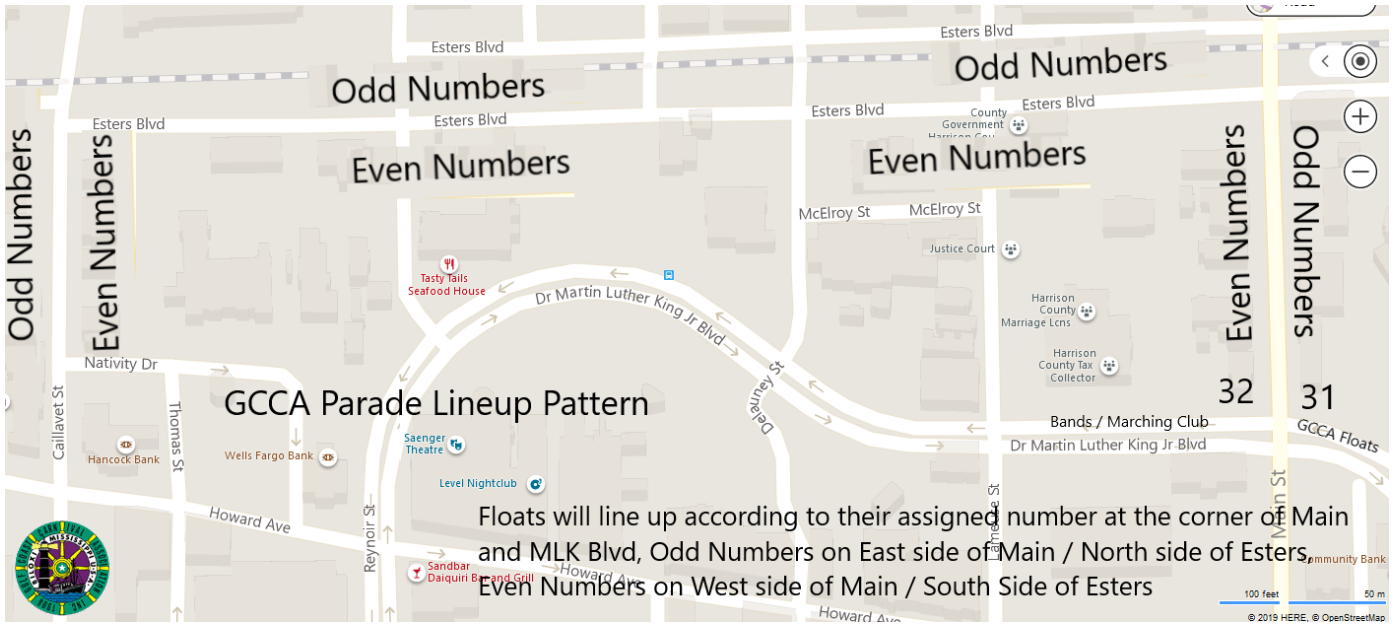


Parade Starts Here

Parade Ends Here

- Portable Restroom
- Handicap Accessible Restroom
- AMR First Aid
- Trash Dumpster

For more Mardi Gras info, visit biloxi.ms.us



GCCA Parade Lineup Pattern

Floats will line up according to their assigned number at the corner of Main and MLK Blvd, Odd Numbers on East side of Main / North side of Esters, Even Numbers on West side of Main / South Side of Esters